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PROPOSALS FOR TRANSMITTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Low Power Transmitters/ Very Low Power Transmitters (LPTs/VLPTs) converted into High Power Transmitters (HPTs) in the country including Karnataka and Maharashtra during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of viewers and listeners who have benefitted from them;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any request from various State Governments for the upgrading of VLPT/LPT/HPT;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) The number of LPTs replaced by HPTs in various States during the last three years is as under :

Year	State	No. of LPTs replaced
2005-06	Gujarat	2
2006-07	Tamil Nadu	2
	Gujarat	1
	Madhya Pradesh	1
2007-08	Haryana	2
Assam		1
Rajasthan		1
Himachal Pradesh		1

(b) TV coverage is available to all the viewers within a range of about 70 kms from each HPT.

(c) to (e) Requests for upgradation of transmitters are received from time to time from various quarters. Further expansion of terrestrial coverage is not envisaged in view of multi channel TV coverage having been provided in the country through Doordarshan's free to air DTH Service.